GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4994
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ANTI RELIGIOUS CONVERSION BILLS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any Anti-Religious Conversion Bill from the Government of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh for approval;

(b) if so, whether the Government has approved the said Bills;

(c) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when the said Bills are likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): A copy of the 'Rajasthan Dharma Swatantrya Bill, 2006' has been received from the Office of the Governor of Rajasthan in May, 2006. No Anti-Religious Conversion Bill has been received from Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): State Legislations are examined from three angles viz.

(i) repugnancy with Central Laws

(ii) deviation from National or Central Policy and

(iii) legal and constitutional validity. In the case of 'Rajasthan Dharma Swatantrya Bill, 2006, there are policy issues, which need to be sorted out and therefore, no time-frame can be fixed.